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1 - Large ship + a/c nuclear reactors
2 - Dulles - Laos
3 - Sit Korea
4 - US Pol in FE - NSC 148
5 - Poss Courses in Korea - NSC 147
6 - Modern a/c to Lt Am -

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Taiwan Notes —

General

- 15 miles off S China Coast -
- 300 miles East of Tonkin -
- 160 miles long NW-SE - form of oval
- 2,500,000 persons -

Terrain

- Coastal plain 35 miles or so wide in NE, narrower plain around rest of island
- Central highland - up to 6000 ft altitude. Covered with dense vegetation
- Road net confined to coastal plain - RR to S & W coasts

Economy

- Primarily agricultural on NE plain. Developed rubber & sugar plantations under Jap occupation 1939-45. These have been pushed by C.C. Sugar most important agricultural export
- Iron mining inland from Peili on the West & North of Yulin in South - 750,000 T/yr production under the Japs. Ore loading facilities at Peili & Yulin. Reserves 400 million T
- 56,000 T iron sent Czechoslovakia late 1957
- Some tin mining near Peili - 200 T/yr est.

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Military

- 43rd Army at Haikow (127 Div Kachek; 128 Div at Haikow; 129 Div Yulin?)
- Naval base at Haikow, weather station & base Yulin
- No air units known on Hainan; air defense early warning not in operation since June 1952 - probably controlled from Canton
- Improvable air fields at ~~Hoa~~ Kuingshan (near Haikow) - can take C-47's.

Communications

- Road network deteriorated after 1945 - rehabilitated on East Coast Haikow to Yulin; west coast road partly usable to Pili
- West coast railroad not operational
- Ports needed rehabilitation + dredging; program now under way at Haikow & Yulin; latter very important in Jap naval operations in WW2!

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Beaches Hawaii (See Map)

1 - 6 miles - firm sand - gradient suitable - backed by dunes

2 - 10 miles - firm sand - good road access to Kaohsiung (128th Div) - useable in summer SW monsoon only - backed by lagoon & marsh

3 - 10 miles - steep sand - gradient suitable - back entry to Yulin 13 miles away; ~~safe~~ air landing ground near - best used in summer - backed by flat cultivated ground

4 - 6.5 miles firm sand suitable for beaching - 2 piers - stone(?) - used by Japanese for seaplane base - large airfield near by - 3 miles west of Yulin - good access - backed up by plain (airfield)

6 - 8 miles - flat - firm sand - close to Pei'i (Pasuo) & ~~vicinity~~ or port at southern end of beach

9 - 4 miles - sand & mud - easy access to Chungshan & Hsihow - small pier - backed by gently rising land -

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highgrade
Yulin - 500,000 T/yr
Feili - 250,000 T/yr

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H Airfields
in Eastern Thailand:
Chantaburi
lat 12 37
long 102 01

Korat
lat 14 56
long 102 07

Ubon (largest)
lat 15 14
long 104 52

Udorn
lat 17 24
long 102 46

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Re D-C, Thai situation

X exercised over Fr failures to generate resistance - 2nd rate Fr. Generals - feels French, in view of bad situation, must:

1. declare when conditions return to normal, Laos, Cam + VN will be given independence
2. Send out a leader & inspirer & replace present mediocre group of generals - spoke highly of Guillaume, Valluy

If Fr don't do this, not much use in trying to help them - situation down the drain - Backup into Thailand

Gen Smith rec. MAAG mission be enlarged & put under a general - run a Greek type of deal - Van Fleet? Kaviu? Thais need ammo + arty - 105's primarily - Has request from Thais MSA says 29.8 m $ mil aid + 5 m $ econ aid budget for 54 - Thais requesting 20 m $ worth mil aid

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